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**TWO SOUTH SHORE MEN INDICTED ON CHARGES THEY POSSESSED
EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND MATERIALS**

BROCKTON – Two South Shore men have been indicted on charges they possessed explosive devices and the materials used to make them, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

A Plymouth County Grand Jury today returned indictments against Joseph Brennan, Jr. (DOB: 06/26/78) and Benjamin Young (DOB: 03/08/88). Brennan was indicted on five counts of Possession of an Incendiary Device and one count of Possession of Incendiary Material. Young was indicted on three counts of Possession of an Incendiary Device and one count of Possession of Incendiary Materials.

Today's indictments stem from three different investigations by local police, State Police, FBI, ATF, the State Police Bomb and a Haz-Mat Team into explosive materials found at locations in Quincy, Norwell and Hingham from April 11-April 14, 2015.

On April 11, 2015 at approximately 11:30 p.m., Quincy Police were advised of a single car vehicle accident on Falls Boulevard. Upon arrival, they located an injured Joseph Brennan with severe burns to his hands and face. Further investigation by police revealed that there was an explosion prior to the car accident. A witness to the scene reported that Brennan moved an orange five-gallon bucket from the backseat of the vehicle to the trunk after the accident. Quincy Police contacted the Boston Police Bomb Squad to assist and evidence was removed and secured from the scene. Brennan was transported to South Shore Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

The car accident in Quincy triggered searches by police in Norwell and Hingham. In Norwell, police searched Brennan's residence and located bomb making components, packing materials and several completed explosive devices were secured. Further investigation by police at that address led to information that Young was allegedly involved with Brennan in the making of the devices.

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In Hingham, police responded to Backriver Road and searched the Young's home. There, they identified three compounds used in making highly sensitive homemade explosives. Additionally, police found three explosive devices at that location.

The pair will be arraigned at a later date. Police believe there were no intended targets and the public was not in any danger.

Assistant District Attorney Canan Yesilcimen is prosecuting the case, which was investigated by State Police, Quincy Police, Norwell Police and Hingham Police.

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